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NEWS SUMMARY

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Illinois man charged with attempting to entice a minor to engage in sex and traveling from Illinois to Wisconsin for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury yesterday returned an indictment charging Michael E. Nagel, d.o.b. 4/12/61, of Burbank, Illinois, with traveling from Illinois to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor whom he believed to be just 14 years old. If convicted of this charge, Mr. Nagel faces a maximum of thirty years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The indictment also charges that Mr. Nagel used a computer and the internet to attempt to persuade and entice the minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity. This charge carries a minimum penalty of ten years in federal prison to a maximum of life imprisonment, followed by a term of supervised release of up to life.

The case stems from an investigation by the detectives with the Milwaukee Police Department, who were assisted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic, "the Department of Justice has made the protection of our nation's children a top priority through Project Safe Childhood, and prosecutions such as this further that priority." He added: "The message from this case is that those involved in communicating with a minor over the internet and then traveling in interstate commerce so as to engage in sexual activity with the minor will be prosecuted and will face real time in federal prison."

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute evidence of his guilt. A person is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, as the government establishes his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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